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A D D R E S S TO THE SOVEREIGNS OF EUROPE etc. etc. IN TWO PARTS



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Part First.

The first part contains an Appeal to the Sovereigns of Europe, to Proprietors, Merchants and all Well-wishers of social order — with a sketch of the Conduct of the Legislators of France during the Revolution.

The second part contains a Letter to Buonaparte on his Military and Political Conduct — to which are annexed

I. The Principles of Morality as *decreed and acknowledged* by the different Legislative Bodies of France.

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Obadiah Prim,

One of the people called Quakers presents his humble greetings to all his fellow creatures, and respectfully begs their acceptance of his sentiments, in English, French and German, transmitted gratis to all the Courts, Ministers and celebrated Statesmen of Europe in March last. Should his humble advice to the Rulers and ruling Ministers of the Continent, prove the means of saving the life and property of only one individual, he will think his labors rewarded.

Sovereigns of Europe!

Whereas in those days of great tribulation, most unaccountable things have come to pass, which ye Sovereigns of Europe, could have alleviated, if not prevented! — Permit a hearty well wisher of mankind in general, and of nations in particular, to call your busy and wondering attention, (which with some of you must be struck with amazement,) to the great and marvellous events of the last six years — to those which await your fate, in the near approaching century! If ye are not already affected by evils past — I wish to make ye sensible of them

that ye may prevent those that are likely to happen — and on which depend the security of your persons and dominions — the peace and quietness of your people, — and the *Social Order* of mankind.

It is with an aching heart that I now recall to your minds, some recent scenes of horrors which petrify my soul, — and which must cause severe heart-aches to all honest, unsuspecting and peacefull inhabitants of the Earth.

That Tutelar Genius of *Justice* and *Mercy*, which the first Sovereigns, Ministers and Statesmen of Europe have bowed down to — and worshipped; which has been acknowledged, by the generality of mankind during several ages, — That Cherub called the *Balance of Europe* — watching aloft and presiding over the fate of men and nations, Alas! is now struggling with the agonies of death; and must come to destruction, unless ye seriously *hasten* to his relief and support: With his last breath, all your own consequence, independence, and glory — nay even your thrones, altars, property, peace of mind, and all that may be dear and sacred to your hearts, will unavoidably be thrown into a galloping consumption; and will expire under the rebellious standard of anarchy, and bloodshed.

Ye have before your eyes, and fresh in your minds, the prospect of a large country still reeking with streams of human blood! — the prospect of numerous and peaceful Nations, thrown into disorder, confusion and anarchy!

Ye have in your remembrance, the martyr Louis XVI. and his ill-fated family. Ah! This same Louis, will be both pitied and cursed by posterity — Pitied, for his Personal sufferings, — cursed, for the sorrows of millions, which he as a dutiful King and the Father of his people, *could* and *ought* to have prevented, by strict justice and timely examples of severity, when he saw his most benevolent and paternal attention and indulgence, cruelly abused. When various and opposite councils rent his Royal mind, he *ought* to have armed himself with *parental firmness*, to excercise the *sword of Justice*.

If ye believe in a punishment for vice, and in a reward for virtue, in the world to come — Louis the martyr and his evil counsellors will most certainly be called to give an account for this unpardonable neglect and supineness. This Monarch

I say, as the Sovereign-guardian of a great Nation — of a numerous People, must answer for his supineness, and his sad neglect of *Regal Duty*. The timely sacrifice of some turbulent heads, would have saved Himself — his family, and millions of innocent lives!!!

I will leave to Providence to avenge the wrongs done to religion, to virtue and morality. — I wish only to remind you of your political fate, *War or Welfare!* — Call to mind the solid humane politics and wise systems of *Bacon, Bolingbroke, Walpole, Chatham, Pitt, Fox, Choiseul, Necker, Calonne, Bernstorff, Kaunitz, Hertzberg, Thugut, Raynal, Linguet, Alembert, Angers, Sully, Marmontel, Mazarin, Richelieu, Montesquieu &c.*

If the principles of these celebrated men as advocates for the *balance and quiet* of Europe are still dear to you, — if ye respect the *Manes of Peter* — and of *Frederick the great, of Joseph the second*, — and if you are still conscious of a sacred trust and sovereign duty towards your subjects, laws, and countries, — if ye are still sensible of the callings of a providence to earthly creatures as mortals; can ye see with coolness and indifference, the object of all the long labors of these great Men, now publicly scorned at, scouted, and trampled under foot? — can ye see with a tranquil mind those constitutions and manners, so long the admiration of all men of sense, destroyed, — those countries torn asunder and that property plundered, which your forefathers established at the expence of so much blood and treasure? — Can ye bear the sad idea and prospect, of yourselves, your wives, children, families, relations, and dearest connexions, being humiliated, persecuted, *banished, transported*, thrown into dungeons, or perhaps be dragged to ignominous scaffolds? — all these calamities must befall ye if, this *infernal revolutionary spirit of anarchy, and total subversion, blazing in Europe and kindling in the most distant parts of the world*, be not speedily subdued, or kept and confined within proper bounds.

Or do ye suppose your laws and wills to be *more unexceptionable*, — your persons *more sacred*, and respected. — your thrones *more invulnerable*, — your powers *more perfect*, — your authorities *more durable*, and your people *more infus-*

ceptible of delusion, or change of opinion, than those of the Great Monarchs of France have been for these thousand years past? If ye do not suppose these things infallible, and if ye think the licentious flame, which is so rapidly consuming and subverting all order and social virtue, has already spread far enough, or perhaps too far for your peace and safety, — be pleased then to consider, that the spirit of revolution possesses all the strong locks and keys of the Continent of Europe (viz) Luxemburg, Mentz, Huningen, Mantua &c. — that the flame of this spirit hovers at present round all your frontiers, and emits sparks into the hearts of your councils and inhabitants; nay, your officers and soldiers are in great danger of being contaminated by abstract principles of liberty and equality — which few of them rightly comprehend.

These sparks keep lurking under discontent and dissimulation, untill a little more revolutionary fuel arrives from the frontiers, when they will burst forth in one consuming blaze all around your persons, consume your thrones, and make nine-tenths of your peacefull subjects — completely miserable.

I was one of the thousands that cheered the first efforts of the French nation for their immersion from slavery, because those efforts were noble and honorable to human nature! But alas! Who would have thought that the destruction of a Vile Bastille, would have been the forerunner to the destruction of all social order, morality, public faith, honor and religion? — the annihilation of so many thousands of living creatures — formed — after the Divine image?

Who could have thought that the noble decree, which abolished the *pain of death, and renounced conquests* — would have in so short a time, been followed by the murder of King, Queen, Princes, Priests, Nobles, and of many thousands of other innocent citizens; or that it would have excited the invasion, plunder and subversion of so many countries and nations? The law for receiving all men as brethren, has been cruelly retorted on their own Country. Men, Women and Children, millions of whom have been vilely persecuted and banished, and are now wandering destitute and forlorn, from one country to another, — where the insatiable spite and rancor of the French Rulers still pursues them, in order if possible to complete the misery of those unhappy people.

Though there are expiations in Heaven, for the worst of crimes, and on Earth, even amongst the most barbarous Nations, yet the unfortunate emigrants seem doomed to eternal punishment by their *great and generous Countrymen*, — for the egregious *crime* of forsaking their homes, their property, under a panic of terror in order to save themselves from the fury of a mad populace — from the dungeon and the guillotine.

Does it not strike your sagacious penetration, ye Ministers of Sovereigns, and Statesmen of Europe, that the vast projects of Henry IV. and Louis, XIV. are now hastening with giant strides, towards their full issue?

Universal Dominion was the Watch-word of the former — and is also that of the present rulers of France.

Within the two last centuries, France and Austria, have carried on *nine bloody wars*, * all begun by the restless, ambitious spirit of the French Nation; which indeed has been the instigator, and aggressor of almost *every quarrel* in Europe, by breaking first on some frivolous pretence, the most solemn Treaties. France has ever tried with all its wonted art and duplicity, to induce either England or Holland, to agree to a partition of the *Spanish Netherlands* or *Belgic Provinces*: but such dread prevailed among the Continental Powers of the *aggrandizement* of that Nation, as to induce them by all means in their power, to oppose and frustrate such *notorious designs*. Among a number of instances, the States-General of Holland in 1709, refused the reiterated and most flattering offers France made to them: viz."

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But the Dutch were far superior statesmen at that time, and understood their real and permanent interests better than to barter them away for the temporary, trifling advantages offered by France. They, with becoming dignity replied. „That the „friendship and alliance of Great-Britain, was the *surest and strongest barrier*, they

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„could possibly have for their interest and security”. When in the year 1684 Louis XIV took the Bulwark of the Netherlands (Luxembourg) which indeed was considered as the *Bulwark* of the Political Balance of Europe; — all the Continental Powers, but more especially the United Provinces, Spain, the whole of the German Empire, and Great Britain, were all so much alarmed, that the Prince of Orange went over to England to concert a coalition with Charles the II. Spain armed and put in motion all its forces, — and the Emperor, though embroiled with the Turks, left his private quarrels to support the Interests of the German Empire, which is so closely interwoven with the balance of Europe.

Thus the ambitious French Monarch, at the peace of Ryswick was obliged to give up this fortress, and had the mortification of finding his views of Universal Monarchy frustrated, by the united *wisdom* and *sincere co-operation* of the *heroic Princes and Statesmen* of the neighbouring Powers. — Who among ye Continental Powers, dare now oppose the mighty *sovereign will and pleasure* of the five *Parisian Tyrants*, conspiring together in order to accomplish this same purpose? How many opiates and projects have they not already prepared and applied with success, to lull you all to sleep, one after another; — and what are those charming draughts and pills, given for your repose? They, very generously allot to your respective shares some small portions of foreign Lands, after having first *stript* and plundered them. — Lands, which ye might have taken an hundred times yourselves, had not your strict adherence to honor and public faith prevented you. — Is that honor and public faith, less violated at present, because some famous French citizens have gilded the Pills?

How can a Government expect unshaken fidelity in its Friends, Ministers, Generals and Citizens, if that virtue is annihilated in the violation — in the breach of its own public faith and honor solemnly pledged to its Allies? A breach of faith and honor between Sovereigns and Governments, must have a *destructive effect*, and shake the fidelity which Nations owe to their rulers, and individuals to each other.

Is it possible ye Sovereigns that ye can swallow such poisonous pills? Those terrible french projects of Partition will, shortly make your hearts ache on your thrones, which are already tottering. Nothing but a spirited and sincere *Union of ye*

all, to stand or fall together in resisting the french insatiableness, can possibly avert your fate, — or prevent their Universal Dominion to happen on the continent, within the next century. It needs, no *Cabala* or *Algebra* to perceive this sad truth! Common Arithmetic, Numeration, Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication applied to historical facts, — to the present progressive forces — to the influence and ambition of the French, will easily solve the question! The aggrandisement of their own extensive territory and population, by one third, — the surrounding tributary states and strong fortifications to guard their own frontiers, — their licentious factions and ready adherents every where, — their own armed force and great population, together with all those *dependent* Republics truly nursed and tutored as a cunning Step mother fondles her adopted children, *will be at their disposal*, whenever they can devise some frivolous pretext to invade and conquer one country after another. — Will they shew more moderation and generosity then to any of you, — than they have done towards, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Venice, Sardinia, Parma and the Holy Pontiff, himself; — than they now do to Switzerland? There is no doubt but most of the Powers on the Continent will bow their heads with submissive compliance, either as their subjects or as their *tributaries*. — In either case the inhabitants will be miserable.

Can any trust or confidence henceforth be placed in the honor, friendship, or good-will of a Nation which is so subject to change its laws, sentiments, solemn decrees and even its most sacred oaths, with every change of the moon? — when the *worst* of men, ruling, do continually undermine and destroy *the best*? — who in cruel defiance of the rights and respect for other Nations, ordered your soldiers to be massacred without mercy or quarter, — your treaties and engagements to be grossly and repeatedly violated; — your own Persons to be daily insulted and abused in the representation of your public Ministers, who are either turned out of the country or dragged to a common dungeon?

Can ye, I say trust a Nation and its Rulers, who in the presence of your Representatives, celebrate public feasts, for the destruction of Kings, and *Sovereigns*! and renew their annual vows of eternal hatred to Royalty? Does not this imply eternal

enmity and warfare against your thrones — your existence? * And who are your Representatives at the French Directory? They are your persons, — your own selves. Thus it is to yourselves — to your exalted Characters as Sovereigns and Princes, and in your very presence that they *vow Eternal Hatred!* They swear *Eternal Hatred to Royalty and Anarchy*, which they consider as terms perfectly synonymous, — and equally detestable! Therefore, to live under a *King*, is to live in *Anarchy*. These are the Men with whom ye conclude treaties of Alliance and Friendship *on their own conditions!* what on excess of Religion, to contract friendship with those People which annually meet to *Consecrete your destruction!*

Oh ye remaining Sovereigns in Europe, some of you in Germany may no longer enjoy your titles after the forcible issue of the Congress at Rastadt — behold the dismembering and demolition of your only Bulwark against your foreign enemies; — look to the bleeding Empire, trembling at the brink of its dissolution. — Read the French Proclamations to their Corps Diplomatic at your own courts — they are ordered to *manage your prejudices*, in pitying your ignorance, the better to force themselves into the heart of your cabinets; and to expel every other protecting influence but their own — to dictate your decrees; they, with a *Fraternal Embrace* order all your property, men and ships to be seized on the open sea, which bring from old England, from the most honorable nation of the Commercial world, any merchandize, or other things your people want or desire, *in exchange* for the productions of your countries.

Not content to vomit upon the English Nation unexampled execrations, they threaten to shower down on your devoted heads, all the rancor of their depraved souls, if for the future you dare to hold any friendly or commercial intercourse with your old Friend and trusty Ally! — which they have sworn to *sweep* from the face of the Earth.

Are not such proceedings the harbinger of National depravity and fury, which must burst forth into *Universal Conquest and Tyranny*?

* See the several Proclamations of France for the invasion of your Countries.

They ring the Tocksin of alarm amongst you all, against *English Despotism* on the seas! But have the English fleets ever committed one hundredth part of that atrocity, carnage and plunder, since their existence, which the French Armies have committed *within these last six years, and which they still continue?* Behold the Contrast!

Englishmen brave all the dangers of the watery element to explore unknown regions, in order to establish *Civilization, Amity and Commerce* between the Poles; they offer to all Nations the fruits of their labor and trade, to supply the necessities, conveniences and luxuries of life, in return, for such natural produce as foreign Nations can neither use, nor consume themselves.

Whereas the French send emissaries, to sow the seeds of discord, anarchy and confusion; not only amongst the savage inhabitants but also among the most peaceful Governments in the World; forcing them with the point of the bayonet, and under the basilisk cloak of friendship, fraternity, and protection, to accept the pretended liberty and equalisation which they do not want, and for which they pay with the sacrifice of their property, laws, religion, and every thing that is dear and sacred to all governments, nations, and countries!

Whoever may think this an exaggerated picture of the contrast between England and France, may be satisfied, by taking an impartial review of the history of Europe, during the last twenty, and especially the last five or six years of warfare on the seas and on the Continent. Look to the cursed fruits of *equilisation*, and *sansculotism* ripening fast in the bleeding East and West Indies, — on the coasts of *Asia, Africa and America*; in the bosom of the Grand Sultans realm, — in Ireland, Scotland, and in England! — whilst their destructive flame rages in, and consumes the very vitals of Europe! — and that without any effectual resistance to keep it from spreading further.

Methinks I hear a reproach of provocation! And how pray was the French nation first provoked? Is it that having seized and confiscated all that considerable property which many German Princes and Nobles held in Alsace &c. without allowing any indemnification? — is it after insulting the Powers of Germany in the grossest abuse of the whole Bourbon Family, nearly related and allied to you all? — is it after rejecting with

scorn the friendly offices and mediations of neighbouring powers between the people and their lawful Sovereign, who was reviled and slandered? — who with his Queen and lovely family was insulted in the basest and most infamous manner, by daily numerous low and inflammatory speeches, placards and pamphlets? — by exciting the terror of momentary death to the Princes and Princesses of the blood, Nobles, Priests &c. which obliged them to fly from the fury of the populace and seek a shelter in your dominions under your protection! In fine it was not untill after all these acts of provocation that the *fugitive Princes* obtaind a declaration from Leopold the II and Frederic the III „that they would use all their influence and force, to deliver the Royal „family their dearest relations, from oppression and slander, and to restore to that „great majority of the sober, well-disposed part of the french Nation, those rights and „privileges which they inherited from their ancestors.

This declaration was dated Pilnitz, 24. July 1791. —

England, as an impartial spectator refused absolutely to join, and promised perfect neutrality — which was broken by a declaration of war on the part of the Convention, dated Paris the 1st Feby 1793, and orders were given to seize all vessels in the ports of France belonging to England or Holland. What a piracy!

These are facts which history will not fail to record to posterity. — *Sovereigns of Europe!* altho ye may, by your remaining authority still keep French slander, insult and abuse for awhile smothered under the ashes, — it will break out sooner or later, and carry destruction to your Persons and Governments.

I speak the words of truth and sincerity in the cause of your own Salvation. Think of it ere it be past redemption! O had ye travelled with me through all the corners and creeks of France, Flanders, Holland and Germany, — entered into the numerous revolutionary clubs and societies (where most travellers, are admitted in hopes of converts) — conversed with enlightened men of all nations and heard their undisguised sentiments; — could ye have once listened to the daily curses which some violent and deluded democrats have thrown forth and still continue to vomit against Kings, Priests Nobles and against your Goverments, Religions, as well as all private property; could ye but read all the inflammatory and seditious libels on your own

persons and families, that are circulated in the public to delude and detach the affection of your well meaning, peaceful subjects, and to change them into discontent, hatred and enmity to your Reigns. — could ye but know the tenth part of the means employed for your own ruin — ye would shudder and tremble for your very existence.

But Alas, through the flattery, respect, and splendor surrounding your thrones, — ye seldom hear with your own ears, or see with your own eyes; and your Servants or Ministres either *dare not*, — *will not, or know not how* to inform you of what is really passing in Europe, and in the hearts of your own countries.

A dreadful example has now taught you, not to confide in a *seeming* great majority of *well affected* loving subjects. It is not they who can protect you, after a set of desperate Jacobins * have once seized and usurped the reigns of power. The sober, rational, the well affected plurality remain neuter and passive in most revolutions.

It is therefore your *own concern* to look to your *own safety*, — by a prudent redress of grievances amongst your subjects, and established authorities.

By a strict, but gradual and careful reform of abuses in the several departments of your governments, and laws, ye may counteract the poison that lurks, secretly to subvert your power within; and by an open, sincere and spirited *union* with your Neighbouring Powers, ye will restore the proper Equilibrium of Europe which the French have so daringly destroyed from without. ** Thus ye will effect a secure and hon-

* Call to mind all the different factions which have reigned one after another at Paris, at the Hague, at Genoa, in Switzerland, Germany and Italy.

** See Article 10 of the Peace of Utrecht 1713. Here the States General bound themselves in the most solemn manner that neither Village, Town, Fortress, or Territory whatever within the Spanish Belgic Provinces, should ever be transferred or become united to France neither by gift, sale, exchange, marriage settlement, inheritance, succession, by will, or by any other mode or title whatsoever. The whole of this treaty was to preserve the Balance of Europe against the aggrandizement of France. However by the Conquest of Flanders and so many tributary Sister Republics this same balance of Europe, the political work of several ages is now thrown out of its equilibrium in the proportion of 3 to 1 should peace be concluded at Rastadt on the present terrible basis of the French.

norale peace for the German Empire, and save your own persons, families and countries from certain impending destruction. British generosity has hurt its own credit in endeavouring to ward off all those evils and dangers, which threaten Europe and has expended above one hundred Millions Sterling in the cause.— British generosity relieved the unfortunate citizens of Lisbon and rebuilt that city. — British generosity saved the celebrated Maria Theresia, daughter of Charles the 6th. from destruction when attacked by her numerous Enemies, about the middle of the present century.

It is British generosity that sucessively supports, and keeps from starvation above 70000 french Emigrants expelled from almost every civilized state of Europe. —

And it is British generosity which has furnished so many *millions Sterling* to all the Powers of the Continent for their *self*-defence, when *not an inch* of Great Britain, was in danger.

These are a few out of numberless instances in history, wherein the British character, for liberality and honor, shines superior to all the vile slander of a nation, which under various Monarchs have attempted to enslave various Powers of Europe; in the salvation of which, England was always the first to stand forward to protect with its blood and its treasures, gained by its industry labor and commerce; these have excited the envy and rancor of its powerful rival, notorious for National deceit and perfidy all over the Universe.

How has this deceit and perfidy been exercised since the revolution?

The curtain is now drawn! To lull your suspicions asleep, they decreed the *abolition of death, and renunciation of conquests*, but soon after used the most tyrannical acts of insult and slavery, to put the Royal family in terror of momentary death, which made the Princes, Nobles and Priests fly for safety! and when (by all imaginary means of false hood and delusion) they had worked the common people up to the highest degree of terror, misery, famine, and despair, they then forced them to enlist, and drove them in hosts, before the mouths of the cannons and point of bayonets, like victims to be slaughtered;— they took their chance, whether after strong potions of brandy with real famine and despair well mixed, they might conquer or perish. In either case the misery of France must have amended. Had they all been shot —

They could no longer have troubled their Usurpers for bread or clothing and they themselves might have gained time, as they had it in their power to make an honorable capitulation to the coalesced powers, by restoring the *Royal family*.

Had they conquered as they really did, on heaps of their slain countrymen, why then they were at the height of power and despotism, and could effect what they hitherto have done. — Crimes innumerable!!!

This same evil spirit of liberty, of deceit, granted a *Veto* to the unfortunate *Louis* and brought him to the scaffold for exercising it as a privilege solemnly and voluntarily granted. This same evil genius of liberty and perfidy of the French governors, fraternized Flanders, Holland, Germany, Italy, Venice, and is now busy in Switzerland and in the Popes dominions, at the expence of so many millions of men and property, with the full sacrifice of their real independence, religion and happiness. After having scourged the inhabitants, in order to inforce all possible contributions in Flanders, they began to despoil the great *Clerical* establishments, till then held sacred by the people. In Holland the cunning *ci-devant Abbey Sieyes*, conjured one million of *Florins* out of the pockets of the oeconomical Dutch; but what was still worse—by this same conjuration and all manner of flight of hand tricks, some milliards of *Assignats* were forced into the purses of the *Hollanders* in exchange for many more millions of their guilders * which were as artfully drawn *out* of them. The French committee of public safety sent whole cargoes and bales of this long depreciated paper currency to Holland, and the better to support the fraud, Bureaus of Verification were established in several towns in Holland — There was hardly a poor servant who did not sacrifice his wages for a number of assignats, in hopes of becoming a great and rich man.

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nor able peace for the German Empire, and save your own persons, families and countries from certain impending destruction. British generosity has hurt its own credit in endeavouring to ward off all those evils and dangers, which threaten Europe and has expended above one hundred Millions Sterling in the cause. — British generosity relieved the unfortunate citizens of Lisbon and rebuilt that city. — British generosity saved the celebrated Maria Theresia, daughter of Charles the 6th. from destruction when attacked by her numerous Enemies, about the middle of the present century.

It is British generosity that successively supports, and keeps from starvation above 70000 french Emigrants expelled from almost every civilized state of Europe. —

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These are a few out of numberless instances in history, wherein the British character, for liberality and honor, shines superior to all the vile slander of a nation, which under various Monarchs have attempted to enslave various Powers of Europe; in the salvation of which, England was always the first to stand forward to protect with its blood and its treasures, gained by its industry labor and commerce; these have excited the envy and rancor of its powerful rival, notorious for National deceit and perfidy all over the Universe.

How has this deceit and perfidy been exercised since the revolution?

The curtain is now drawn! To lull your suspicions asleep, they decreed the *abolition of death, and renunciation of conquests*, but soon after used the most tyrannical acts of insult and slavery, to put the Royal family in terror of momentary death, which made the Princes, Nobles and Priests fly for safety! and when (by all imaginary means of false hood and delusion) they had worked the common people up to the highest degree of terror, misery, famine, and despair, they then forced them to enlist, and drove them in hosts, before the mouths of the cannons and point of bayonets, like victims to be slaughtered; — they took their chance, whether after strong potions of brandy with real famine and despair well mixed, they might conquer or perish. In either case the misery of France must have amended. Had they all been shot —

They could no longer have troubled their Usurpers for bread or clothing and they themselves might have gained time, as they had it in their power to make an honorable capitulation to the coalesced powers, by restoring the *Royal family*.

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Ye cannot indemnify the Dutch with three hundred millions of Florins, or thirty millions sterling, which the French embrace has cost them already in real property, besides the loss of 960,000,000 Florins or 96 millions sterling capital, in the French double Bankruptcy,— together with their whole welfare in the destruction of their marine, great trade and navigation. And for what inducement? For the poor delusive hope, whether the Scheld was to be opened for the benefit of the *Grande nation*, or for that of a *Petite tributary republic*. If every rational Batavian, or Dutchman would lay his hand on his heart, and dared to vent his real sentiments, he would curse that fraternal kiss, which so rapidly destroyed his own natural element, viz, his gold, his trade and navigation, and which England had ever held sacred in her alliance and protection.

It would be needless to enumerate by what art and perfidy, the French also disunited the late king of Prussia from the grand coalition, through the inspiration of a Luchesini and Bishopswerder, when England had paid the greater part of twenty thousand Prussians, to save Holland from ruin. There are but few persons who can detail the sacrifices which the sudden secession cost Prussia, besides the universal stygma on its honor in the rank of nations; this however bids fair to be retrieved by his present Majesty — a Prince of the first promise.

How the evil spirit of liberty and fraud, has used the poor dukes of Parma, Modena, the kings of Spain, Sardinia, and Naples, and above all, the Pope, who by the unexampled establishment of a court of French Justice in Rome, (but in fact a court of conspiracy against his Holiness) has lost his crown and nearly his life, in favour of the great and generous nation.

From the French Ambassador's own Narrative it must be plain to the world, that this horrid conspiracy had been plotted with privacy by France, for some time; but which was fortunately discovered by the vigilancy of the Police, for, all those killed in the riot were either Frenchmen, or desperate *hirelings* of the Directory, which in Italy may be had for a Guinea a man. With what a low, shallow artifice does the Ambassador twist and twine his Narrative, in order to make the world believe that the Pope's spies had excited rebellion and murder. Had the object

of Rebellion succeeded, then the Great Nation would have granted Protection to their ruffians at Rome, and have taken the Pope's dominions to themselves; and after having strip'd and plundered them, — in their wisdom, justice and fraternity they might have generously turned them over to their tributary departments, the Cisalpine or Lygurian Republics, or as a mark of their peculiar attachment and kindness they might have granted them leave to live under the happy reign of Directorial agents.

What man of common understanding does not perceive that, under some frivolous pretext of the Pope having caused a second slaughter among the French citizens, and forced the Minister of the great Nation to fly from the fury of the populace, whose indignation he himself had excited by a diabolical conspiracy, would not have seized on the dominions of his Holiness as a punishment, and thus establish fresh conspiracies in the rest of Italy, to incorporate them all one after another, either as tributary Governments, or as direct Departments, under the Pharisaic cloak — „*Il faut céder à la nécessité des circonstances ou à la volonté suprême du Peuple*” — *We must yield to the urgency of the circumstances or give way to the supreme will of the People*, (which in reality are nothing but hired bravados in Italy). the French confiscate, rob, transport, and guillotine at home; — conspire, invade, plunder and assassinate abroad. After having broken their public faith, and plundered the Venetians almost to their last shift, they turned them over to the Imperial Government, which seized the bait! not for what the Emperor had lost in Flanders, Germany, and Italy, — not for what he may find in the half ruined territories of the most ancient republic, but merely for what France found it convenient to do for its favorite scheme of future Universal republicanism, dominion, tyranny and slavery,— which words are almost synonymous in the new political, revolutionary dictionary; altho they and their Agents trumpet forth, that great but ridiculous moderation with which the grand Nation hath condescended to treat his Imperial Majesty.

What man in his sober senses will deny that after such facts, as true as the Machieveldom of the French rulers, have not two political objects in view — first

to cover their own extended, overgrown and indivisible Republic with the strongest rivers, fortifications, and tributary Republican departments; secondly to have it in their will and power, to invade, conquer and subdue any surrounding state that should dare to oppose the fraternal kiss and contributions, which they might offer in Barter.

Awake ye remaining Powers of Europe, — awake, to avert the storms gathering over your devoted heads, to destroy you in the next century! By a careful review of your *inheritances* from your worthy ancestors, ye should look forth to your *inheriting posterity* — and if ye find any heirs apparent, that ye do not mean, nor wish to *desinherit* of every thing dear to yourselves and families, — and which ye are in the least degree anxious to save from the miserable fate of the French Princes, Nobles and the most respectable inhabitants, pray *unite in speedy and spirited opposition, while it is yet time and in your power to weather the tempest.* Otherwise, ye or your posterity will perish in want and misery; — and should ye survive the fatal blow, there will be no courts left for your refuge in Europe; — indeed should any state preserve its independence, it will not dare to grant an Asylum either to your persons, family, or connexions, for fear of *raking* the displeasure of the universal tyrants. Look to England! — it neither began nor induced you to attack the French, — untill attacked itself, by a solemn decree of France, when with a noble and becoming indignation it rallied and supported you all with good advice, brave men, money and provisions, to enable ye to defend *your own in the general cause.* Who can deny that England sacrificed *nearly the whole expence in this bloody contest, to save the Balance of Europe,* and to preserve your respective dominions? But this amazing sacrifice on the part of England, was applied as an universal anodyne plaister by the artful malicious Tyrants, to *exculpate* themselves from all *their blunders at home, from their outrages abroad — and from all the miseries, and horrors, they have wilfully entailed on their deluded and distracted country?* Whenever the Parisians and the armies wanted bread, clothes, candles etc. through the combined malversations of their Rulers and Commissaires, it was the gold of Pitt and Coburg that had conjured those necessities from France: Robespierre with his predecessors, needed only to

hint at any man of character and property, being bought by the gold of Pitt and Co-burg, to constitute him a fit victim for the dungeon, — a mock trial and a scaffold. His satellite successors, the rulers of the day — have changed it is true, that hateful instrument of death; but they have increased their barbarity, in open contempt and violation of their vaunted constitution, which they have nearly destroyed by committing the best of men to an *eternal dungeon or transportation*, without even a *mocktrial*, lest transpiring innocence should discover and blast them for their villainy. These unworthy Rulers receive with open arms the *outcasts* of England, Ireland and Scotland; toast them and their crimes in a full bumper at public feasts, and decorate them with national dignities, — while they rob, outlaw, transport or assassinate thousands of the worthiest of their *own ci devant* Nobles, Priests, Directors, Legislators, Magistrates Citizens, — whole families, defenceless women and infant babes not excepted. History exhibits many instances of barbarity committed by professed and notorious Tyrants among uncivilized Nations and in savage ages and countries; but it remains for posterity to read and judge those *numerous, unexampled, unparalleled acts of injustice, horror and despotism*, committed in the names of liberty, moderation and equity, by the most *soildisant refined and polite Nation in the Universe*. Whoever reflects on the many atrocities, carnage & devastation which the French revolution has caused, will find even astonishment itself aghast, — his humanity will shudder and his pity revolt; — nay bleeding indignation, will curse the supineness which saved the debauched *Mirabeau*, and the ferocious Postmaster *Drouet* from being cut to pieces, for revolting against their lawfull Sovereign, when so many brave tars and soldiers, Admirals, and Generals, have been *shot* for mere insubordination!

Had strict justice been exercised on these two rebellious wretches, it would have prevented rivers of blood and tears — saved thousands of limbs and lives, and milliards of treasure and property.

Let this O ye remaining Sovereigns of Europe, be a *proper warning* to you. Have a watchful care, lest you find as many *Mirabeaus* and *Drouets* lurking in your realm, or near your thrones, (which France will not fail to vomit forth for the scourge of mankind) as ye have already levelling preachers, writers, and printers, both *politically*

blind and lame in every corner of your respective dominions. France having the *happiness of mankind in view,* will not fail to inundate you with fire-drakes.

England has shed its blood, has expended immense treasures in defence of you all, in order to preserve the necessary *Equilibrium of Europe;* but it will be of little avail, unless supported by your *sincere and united efforts* in the cause. I will not enumerate the many capital errors committed in your armies, by general officers wrong dispositions &c. of which the French took such repeated and successful advantages — because *past evils* cannot be recalled; but *future ones may be prevented.*

England, besides the great expence of blood and treasures on the Continent has also made many hazardous and difficult conquests in distant regions, to support the common cause, *to balance if possible the French conquests upon you;* and has generously offered to restore them all, on condition that France should return only a part of those they had taken from you, for which purpose England as the conqueror (to shew its love of peace and justice,) humbled itself in the face of the world so far as to send a *second Embassy* to France after the former had been ignominiously ordered to quit Paris. With what unparalleled haughtiness and arrogance, *Lord Malmesbury* was sent a *second time* from Lisle, is well known to the whole world. But as the perfidious designs of *Universal Republicanism in Europe* appear almost in every motion and measure of its government; so do they break forth in the bare-faced refusal to restore conquest in Europe, for conquest in India and America, because they perceive a proper equilibrium in Europe would thereby be maintained; and their own ambitious schemes of Universal dominion be frustrated.

Having usurped the greatest part of the Continent with impunity, they now vent their levelling fury in all manner of scurrilous philippics against England; first, as the pretended cause of the war — and of course the cause of all the French conquests, plunder and puffing greatness.

Secondly, that the English have dared to maintain themselves as masters of the seas, beat all their enemies's ships, and make conquests on their natural element, in spite of la *Grande Nation.* For these two great crimes, they marshal all the envenom-

ed hatred and malice * of the world to electrify some delirious heads, by potions of wine, brandy, gross falsehoods, abuse and scandal; — first to empty their pockets for the extravagant luxury of five Despots; — and next to give them a fair chance to be annihilated in the reiterated attacks, untill there be not a man left to claim or inherit the long promised *Milliard!* — in the bright hopes of which, many thousands have already bit the dust, and half a million have been rendered cripples! Why doth their youth thus run headlong to destruction? To enable their five Tyrants to squander away much more treasures, and to shed more blood in one month, than their most extravagant Courts and Nobles ever did in one year; whilst all their state creditors, stock-holders, and many thousands of the most respectable families are *literally starving!*

Notwithstanding this misery at home, with what indignant arrogance, and humiliating tone, do they trumpet forth, in every proclamation, their conquest to the gates of Rome and Vienna; and threaten to carry them swimming and flying to the Gates of London, which by the Lord they will *never see opened* before them; not even were Buonaparte to come with the whole Republic *one and indivisible*.

But the Universe now perceives what the delirious French *would be at*, did they possess as much power on sea, as they do on land. Not a single herring in the ocean could escape their vigilance and activity, in their approach to the British shore, much less a *Neutral Vessel*.

The French in their mad prowes would even conquer the tides, and forbid them to enter the English ports. Have ye read and understood the last imperious decrees of France, ye Sovereigns of Europe, and Neutral Powers of the Universe? All of you not excepting either the Grand Tippoo Saib, Grand Mogul, Grand Seignior, or the Grand Self-Ruler of all the Russias, together with the King of Jerusalem. — I say if any of ye dare to send ships to sea, with the bold intent to fetch English *Air* or *Merchandize* from its numerous possessions on this

* See the rapport of the French Minister respecting the treatment of the French prisoners in England, and compare it to that of the Magistrates of Liverpool and of the prisoners themselves.

earthly Globe; — or, if your vessels should be infected with either,— the privileged pirates of *la Grande Nation*, will seize and condemn your property, without judge, jury or mercy, and still ye must thank them for their great moderation! —

But ye are at liberty to send vessels with merchandize to France, and return with precious cargoes of Liberty-trees, (disincumbered of roots and fruits) Red-bonnets, Tricolor-cockades, Fraternal-salutes, Civic-crowns, Honorable-mentions, Well-deserving of the nation; Honors of a fitting to your Captains, Mates, Sailors, and Cabin-boys * — and if there be any room left in the Cabin, or between Decks, they may stow fine copies, of a million of nice French laws by the National, and Legislative Assemblies, Conventions, Jacobin, Feuillans, and other Great clubs — all as good as new at second hand price; which said valuable cargoes, you may carry to market every where — even to the moon for sale; — but not to England.

Some dim sighted politicians wish to persuade the powers and individuals to „throw off the commercial and political yoke of England, (which they term tyrannical), in order to support, encourage and maintain the Dutch commerce for their „greater benefit, because the Dutch content themselves with a less commission for their „trouble.“ How shallow their reasonings are, every man experienced in trade must easily perceive. But altho the commercial and political interest of Nations, have of late years become almost inseperable, yet the great number of state politicians of the ancient European and modern French schools, are above the science of commerce and navigation.

If some of them do conceive faint ideas of commercial interest, they assume a species of reasoning incompatible with common sense in trade.

* When several hundred sailors came bare-foot from Brest to Paris, to petition the Convention for their wages due to them, they received the honors of a Sitting. One of the members (Le Gendre, a butcher at Paris) knowing better than the others, the virtue in a good piece of Beef, and that it would be more agreeable to them, moved that there should be given them an Assignat of 500 livres on account. At this the poor fellows shouted for joy, and left these empty honors, to regale themselves with a more substantial repast.

How ridiculous, that the Frenchified canonical politician * who scarcely comprehending the first rudiments of commerce, should assume a scientific knowledge in Trade and Navigation, and pretend to instruct the first Merchants in the world how to steer their course in their speculations! Most of these Commercial knight-errants have made their appearance in Europe, only since the French revolution, which indeed, has been the hot - house for several enlightened men, and at the same time the nursery and universal cradle for quacks in all professions. Even the vaunted military genius and martial honor of the French, was first purified and put in activity by the blade of the notorious Robespierre, who knew to inspire courage by exciting desperation — to create dismay by raggedness and famine, and to smother it again by potions of strong liquors in order to redouble their desperate desire for slaughter and carnage. Whoever has studied the french character, knows its extremes, — from *Abject slavery*, to *Outrageous liberty*; — from gross superstition to licentious atheism — from the most *obedient humble servant* to a most absolute lawgiver, tyrant, and director. Were it possible for French madness and folly to inspire a serious English Quaker with a joke, the present delirious proceedings of the directory would call forth a short burlesque retort.

This shallow headed canonical politician trumpets forth his last catch- penny thing, with the following bombastical introduction. "With pleasure do I seize my pen, perhaps for the last time, at a period when the grand European contest is not yet finally terminated. *With pleasure*, because the day of a general peace among the civilized nations of Europe (*for the savage Britons belong to the half polished Barbarians*) is at hand, the German Princes are most lively convinced that they, and their states are in want of it; This can no longer be doubted *But how — Under what Conditions shall it be concluded?*" — He then goes on prescribing his Canonical limits to every separate state, and informing the great states-

* One of the chief inducements of this address was a Publication entitled — „*An Address to the Congress at Rastadt by a Statesman.*” The author was heretofore a Canon at Berlin from whence by some Notoriety he was obliged to fly — He is now a political Pamphleteer in the service of France, where in these enlightened days, — God knows almost every Cobler and Tinker sets up for a Statesman — to amend the Code of European Politics.

men at Rastadt, that if they do not *push in*, *some petty Principalities* between their respective frontiers; the Mighty powers will be continually at Loggerheads, either with the Grand republic, or with each other. He might as well have advised them to re establish those feudal boroughs of ancient chivalry, which did the *Demarcation duties* in the age of Charlemagne. He seems to be mightily puzzled for a scheme to prevent them from invading each other very soon; he appears to apprehend dangers and at the same time prescribes a line of conduct for each sovereign, which if they all followed, would certainly embroil them afresh — and that very speedily. The whole drift of his Publication, seemst to be to advise all those powers most concerned, *what they should do for their respective interest, — to the prejudice of each other.* But he takes care not to prescribe any rule of conduct for the great republic, which he apprehends has nothing to fear but every body to protect. When this mighty statesman was proposed as Secretary to Dela Croix going Ambassador to the Hague, he wrote a Pamphlet, wherein he attempts to prove that the French republic, and all the other European powers ought to indemnify the Batavian republic, with the small remaining territory of the Bishoprick of Munster, consisting chiefly of barren heaths, poor sandy lands, &c. that the Dutch may exercise their industry upon them. This the great Republic is in duty bound to effect, in gratitude for the many hundred millions of florins, which it has already squeezed out of this docile Sister republic — as well as for the many millions it may still have occasion to require hereafter, — the continental Powers ought to second the motion of ceding those barren tracts to the Dutch to give them an opportunity to dig, plough, sow, reap, labour, toil and scramble together cash enough for any loan which they themselves may again want to raise from them. As for the half-polished barbarians of that savage country Great Britain, they ought to be excluded from the society and Commerce with the civilized Continent! because this dim sighted, canonical *Lumen mundi*, as well as all the petty Champions of his over-grown Mistress, seem to have forgotten that the whole of Europe owe every idea of practical Liberty, Navigation and Commerce to the Connexion, and friendly intercourse which the respective states cultivated with those very barbarians; and that the heroes of his *great Republic* might have capered and whistled in the

chains of despotism and superstition, till doom's day, had they not received some salutary lessons of liberty, and policy, from neighbouring England. This man was evidently born, nursed and educated in the Religious Superstition of fanatic and jesuitical principles; for, he does not seem to entertain one liberal idea of the various interests which tend to unite countries and nations, through the policy of Navigation and Commerce. He and others, as near sighted as himself, declaim against the existing commercial connexion between Portugal and England, which they call English Tyranny; but they never propose to Portugal any nations to purchase all its wines, oils, silks, wax, quicksilver, fruits and various drugs, the whole produce of that country and its navigation, and which the Portuguese *would not know how to dispose of*, without an English market. They in fact take the produce of English ingenuity and industry, which is necessary to feed and clothe them — whereas England takes from them their *superfluity* of wines, fruits, drugs and bullion, which England could *very well do without*. — If the Portuguese were obliged to get their necessities and conveniences of life, from their neighbours, Spain or France, they would then be the poorest nation on earth, — for, three times the produce of their gold mines &c. would not pay for all they want from foreign countries, if they could not find purchasers for their own produce. The Spaniards are exactly in the same situation, with respect to their wines, wools, fruits, drugs, hides, wax, oils, silk, raw silk, marble, quicksilver and most of the produce of their foreign colonies. What French, Dutch, German, Swedish, Danish or Russian merchants, could purchase or consume the greater part of their commodities? — The French and Dutch might purchase a small part, on speculation for the English Market, but all these countries together would not purchase for their own consumption half so much as the English do, the French have all those things of their own growth and in great plenty too, — the Dutch have very few or no materials, nor but little liking to drink Spanish, or Port wines. In fact the whole Dutch commerce compared to the English, is much more a traffic of *Agency*, than that, of their growth, manufacture, or *speculation*; because the entire trade of the Dutch on their own risk and account, consists only in the Produce of their foreign Possessions which they bring to their

general European magazine — where they are sure to find Purchasers. They have little or no growth of their own to dispose of, except madder and oats, their manufactures are confined to tape, twist, sail-cloth, linen, bleacheries, coarse woolen-cloths, butter, cheese, gin and a traffic in herrings, caught on the English coasts. Most of their spare-growth and manufactures are bought and consumed by the English. Very seldom indeed, does it happen that the Dutch will purchase any thing on mere speculation, until they have found buyers in foreign Markets, of which those of England and Ireland furnish their best customers. Hence, it results that the Hollanders are more renowned for European Magazine and Ware-house keepers and Brokers, than for great Merchants; and hence the Dutch charge so many-fold agencies on the business they transact for others, which tho' divided in several fractions, amount almost to the proportion of the profits, the English obtain for all their trouble, risk contrivance, speculation, together with the dangers of the seas to fetch raw Materials, and to carry them manufactured to the different parts of Europe again. Who ever doubts, of their manifold charges need only peruse a few Dutch Invoices and accounts of sales. The commerce of Holland as mere Agency, would without its connexion with England as the first Principal, be reduced to mere Brokage-business without consumption or purchasers, and the different European powers would have the growth of their own countries reduced to the value of straw to furnish their stables or dung to manure their lands.

Most of the raw materials and productions of Germany, consist in drugs, dyers goods, flax, hemp, salt, yarn, linen, timber, staves, corn, quicksilver, antimony, vitrol, smalts, cinnabar, hides, seeds, bristles, ashes, feathers, quills, oak-bark, wax iron &c. Who takes and consumes the greatest part of them, if it be not England. Its most valuable produce linen, of which the greatest part is woven in Westphalia, Silesia, Bohemia, Moravia &c., is sent to England and Ireland, — and what cannot be consumed there, is sent to the British Colonies. —

Holland it is true takes a part of the German linen and yarn, not to consume, but merely to prepare and bleach them, for the English markets — by the Name of Holland linen.

Does the whole Continent together take so much of the wines, of the Manufactures of Germany as England does for its own use and for its extensive possessions abroad? Who purchases and consumes the Firs, Pines, and Iron of Norway, — the Timber, Iron, Pitch, Tar, &c. of Sweden, — the Tallow, Flax, Hemp, Timber, Iron, Wax, Furs, Isinglass, Feathers, Bristles, Corn, Yarn, Canvass, Coarse-linen, Sail-Cloth &c. &c. of Russia? — Nearly two thirds of the whole Baltic trade is carried on by English. Look at the Mediterranean! Most of the growth and produce of the Italian states, the Levant, and of the coast of Barbary, are bought and exchanged by the English; — a Nation known all over the world for above two Centuries, — renowned for its industry, fair dealings and liberality toward all men; for its good faith, benevolence, * assistance, and protection, to its friends and allies. If they were really that covetous tyrannical nation in traffic as the fraternized Canon and his French masters take so much pains to represent it to be, would the English have suffered the Dutch as a rival nation in trade, to send continually whole fleets of fishing vessels to the coast of Norfolk, to take British property out of their seas, to the value of, from between 4, to 6 millions of Florins annually. Besides they have the advantage of employing a great number of poor hands, to train them for manning their navy. I say, would the French, the Germans, Russians, Swedes, Danes, Spaniards, Portuguese, Italians, or even the Dutch themselves have granted similar indulgence to any of their European neighbours? Even now, altho' Holland has associated with France, the declared enemy to England's prosperity, and openly declared war against it — have the Dutch not been allowed the free undisturbed liberty to fish on the English coasts as before? Have Spain, Portugal, Holland or other Maritime Powers their allies ever been under more secure protection, than under the British Flag? The English who brave the dangers of the seas offer the fruits of their labor and ingenuity against the growth and natural produce of all nations, which they could not use or consume themselves or at least but every imperfectly. And what are those fruits which savage England

* Amongst other instances of British generosity, see the decree of the National Assembly of 7 Nov. 1791. to thank the English for having saved from famine and starvation the inhabitants of St. Domingo. This was the first fruits of French liberty!

offers in return to those Nations? Why the half polished Barbarians fabricate almost every thing, *necessity wants; convenience requires* and that *comfort can wish* — and what nation can equal most of the British productions in strength, and durability — fineness and utility?

English goods are never fabricated for the eye alone, like those of some other nations — because the Government itself prescribes the *rules of fair workmanship*. — This is a faint sketch of the present consequence of England to Europe, and to the world at large! England possessing all the necessaries, conveniences and manifold luxuries of life in its own bosom, can live comfortable and happy within itself: but I much doubt whether Europe, and many parts of the world besides, would not be thrown into numberless difficulties if deprived of British Manufactures; for, in the destruction of the English navigation and commerce, the continental trade would be nearly *annihilated*, or at least be thrown back *half a century*; because millions of common people, abroad are clad in British stuffs on account of their strength and cheapness. All the foreign nobility and gentry are proud to sport and display English fashions of superior taste, beauty, and brilliancy. Many thousands of foreign artists are obliged to work with English tools which they cannot get fabricated any where else.

Even the world of Arts and Sciences would be greatly distressed without British Astronomical, Mathematical, Optical, Geometrical, Surgical, Physical, Hydraulic and other Philosophical Instruments, as also proper instructions for their application.

Although a great number of Artificers are seduced or enticed abroad by foreigners to establish British manufactures, in their respective countries — *still they produce but faint imitations* — because the numerous component parts, of the various secrets of fabrication are known only separately to the bulk of the artificers, except the masters and principals themselves; — and because British ingenuity and indefatigable perseverance and contrivance, are at least *half a century beforehand* with other nations, in daily new inventions, designs, machineries &c.

What nation has prescribed to itself such wise regulations and rules for the encouragement of commerce as Great Britain?

Ignorance and calumny have spread abroad „that the English nation levies the same heavy taxes on all Europe, as it imposes on itself by its representatives in Parliament.”

As there now exists but very little trade besides that of England, Europe must expect to feel, what they term the tyranny of commercial imposition. All merchants who carry on a considerable trade with England, are better informed of the matter; but the great multitude are lead away by empty declamations against British commerce. They cannot conceive that the Merchant on re-exporting any production, whether foreign or domestic growth, receives from the Custom house, above three fourths of the duty paid on its importation. This is what is called the *drawback*. They do not know that the English Government sacrifices millions annually in premiums and bounties, on all sorts of British growth and manufactures to the Exporters, in order to furnish Europe, with solid, price-worthy objects of necessity, convenience and luxury. No person, not intimately acquainted with British commerce and its various operations, can conceive the good effects resulting from such salutary regulations, because they never meet with any thing like them in other countries. Thus judging after their own short sighted conceptions, they traduce the fair dealings of Great Britain, through gross ignorance or base malice.

Now the French having usurped a great part of the continent by the force of the bayonet, terror and menace, which seems to have thrown all ye German and other Sovereigns into a maze and stupor, so as to suffer them to insult and humiliate every one of you, besides robbing you of your treasures and dominions, in their delirium have gone so far as to seize all private property of their own and conquered subjects. Their rapacity not being yet satisfied they now openly declare their intention to seize and pillage all property whatever, belonging to Neutral powers, on the open seas, and thereby destroy above nine tenths of the whole Neutral navigation and commerce of Europe and America.

This Oye Sovereigns and nations of the Earth is the great *infamous blow* the *French tyrants would strike* at all all social political and commercial Interests! Such are their open *piratical designs* upon the fruits of your cares, anxieties,

labors, and industry! Accustomed to demand with the bayonet on terra firma of Europe, they now with increased effrontery proceed to ask with sabre and pistol on the seas all what they cannot seize on land!

How terrible would be your fates, should these civil pirates possess the power to put in execution all their dreadful schemes, which have already made your thrones totter, your states tremble, and your hearts to flutter during these four years past! And what are they able to offer you in return, supposing it were possible to shut you all out from the intercourse with England? Have they any thing more solid to offer you than empty promises, high sounding words and phrases, fraternal kisses, their licentious debauched mistresses, a bastard liberty, with its numerous attendants, viz, confusion, irreligion, immorality, perjury and bloodshed,— and above all organized anarchy,— true source of all those evils, which still continue to regenerate and multiply among you. Can they take any of your growth and produce, in return for such brittle wares and flitter goods, which they may still have on hand? The fact is, they have more wines than they can drink, more fruit than they can eat, and more raw materials than they can consume in their manufactures, which have been deprived of all their useful hands, by forcing them away to invade, conquer and plunder abroad. — Or would ye be inclined to ship them your corn and other necessaries on credit which they have forfeited, and for sums they cannot, or will not pay?

I should hope that the most prudent of you would first calculate the probabilities of payment before ye resolve to trust them.

What in the name of the Lord could *this would-be great, terrible nation* offer for reciprocal advantage in commerce to each of you?

I am born and educated in the practice of trade in general and have travelled through most parts of Europe on commercial business, but I am really at a loss to guess what species of acceptable or reasonable barter the French could possibly offer you in lieu of English goods; and whereby ye would not be losers from 50 to 100 pr. cent! Are the English then to be blamed, scandalized and vilely slandered, by any but ignorant, mischievous mad men, because they gain a *reasonable profit* on

their hand labor and sweat of their brows, which other people are too ignorant, or too indolent to earn by competition? The advantages England offers to Europe are not confined to its own commerce alone; it traffics also with the *spare capitals* of other nations at a pr. Centage profit, beyond what those capitals could acquire at home. The honor of the English nation — its long tried punctuality, its spirit industry and liberality are *solid virtues*; — sure pledges to all interested in its public funds, for the capital employed in the *most productive circulation*. Hence results a certain produce and never failing interest, arising from the solid labors of the free-born sons of Great Britain! Or, is it because the United States of America did once, and the Great French nation *thrice*, become insolvent * so as to pay a most despicable composition? — Is it because all their own and foreign State-creditors were totally ruined (for the Dutch property alone lost in the french bankruptcy amounted to 960 millions of florins or 96 millions sterling,) by the extravagance of the Courts and Ministers and next by the *furious ten fold waste* of the ruling factions? Is it because all those terrible malversations were committed on the public by irrational Frenchmen — now become irascible against England, by the meanest of all human passions viz, low hatred and envy — that the English nation should follow those bad examples of national bankruptcy??

Forbid it Honor, forbid it, Public spirit! Ye have always been, and ever will be held sacred in Great Britain! Should the dreadful misfortune ever happen, that England were conquered either by treason, internal or external enemies; should it ever be plundered by piratical Frenchmen; whilst a vestige only remains of the British constitution, liberty, and government, — the national honor, and Public faith of Englishmen, will never suffer any foreign State-creditor to lose a single shilling — what ever composition they may make among themselves of their national property.

* First bankruptcy in 1716 by the notorious Mississippi Scheme of Law and the Regent of France, during the minority of Louis XV.

But to return to the present desperate design of seizing and confiscating all neutral property coming from, or going to England, Scotland, Ireland, or to or from any English Colony or Possession, in, or *beyond* the four Quarters of the Globe, which is intended to strike the death blow to the English manufactures, trade and navigation! If those men that invented and sanctioned such diabolical schemes, had been in their *sound senses*, they must have discovered after a short reflection, that such piracy on *Neutral property* would have a contrary effect as to England. The little commerce remaining to France in neutral vessels, will by this means be entirely destroyed — and should any failure in crops, or scarcity of corn happen there, then that devoted nation would be exposed to starvation again, through the predatory and ignorant measures of its rapacious rulers.

But *England that small Island!* whose *half polished barbarians* have so often rushed forth to the assistance of the oppressed part of Europe, with its men and hard earned treasures — who defended the predecessors of Henry IV. of France, against the power of Philip the second of Spain, and saved them from certain impending ruin, and at the same time delivered the oppressed Hollanders from his tyrannical yoke. — These Britons preserved at different periods, all the hereditary Imperial and Prussian States from being conquered and destroyed by the overpowering numbers of their enemies. In short British generosity and justice, have always succoured the powers on the continent when oppressed, without ever once being in want of their assistance *in any case whatever!!!*

These same *half polished barbarians* promise once more to become the saviours of stupified and dejected Europe, provided ye, one and all, would act with cordiality and courage. The refined, the *doubly polished* Frenchmen, who have carried terror and dismay into the most peaceable states on the Continent, will most assuredly break their giddy heads against the *cliffs* and *rocks* of Old-England; where still presides great *Jupiter, Mars, Neptune* and *Vulcan*, in the characters of *Public faith, National honor, Dignity* and *Integrity*. With an hundred and fifty thousand strong *arms* in the brave British Tars on one side, and above three times that number, in well-armed *spirited Britons* on the other side, ready to hurl millions of

thunder bolts and fiery balls upon the frantic giant — assailants, to precipitate them in the deep, to cool their boiling rage for conquest and plunder; — never more to raise their heads on that Earth, which has been so long polluted and disgraced by the extravagant measures of their ruling factions. It is thus the great *French Directors* mean to pay their *long promised Miliards*, and to dispose of the troublesome conquerors of Italy, Holland and Germany.

Ye Governors of Empires! — have ye forgotten the treaty of peace of Vienna in 1735, in which France did solemnly engage to warrant the Hereditary states of the House of Austria to Maria Theresia and her descendants. Did not that government the moment of the death of Charles VI. in 1740 violate the Pragmatic sanction? And was it not for the object of placing upon the throne Maurice of Saxony a *Natural Son of Augustus*? Can ye then confide in the present government of France, whose principles are a hundred times more treacherous, than those of the ancient *regime*; and which grants *respite to your thrones* no longer than it may see a fit opportunity, to attack, *crush* and *destroy* them? Is it better I say, to form an union of alliance with your sworn Enemy, than to enter into a spirited and sincere coalition with the neighbouring Princes for the defence of the whole?

L e g i s l a t o r s o f F r a n c e .

To ye Great Conquerors of Europe, Generous Deliverers of enslaved Nations, and moderate Dictators of peace to the whole World, even at the Gates of Rome and Vienna. — Greeting! —

The grand, sublime title which ye have assumed in your Manifestos and your bombast Proclamations, have done much for you — but the unaccountable pusillanimity and supineness of the late Coalesced Powers and some other states, have done *still more!* It was they, and they only, who *roused* you from your panic terror, when the mystic force of Milliards of Paper livres, with the terrific blade of Robespierre first electrified your natural activity into desperate courage and passion for conquest, when ye saw armies unprovided with the most necessary things for attack and inva-

sion, retreating before you. This is the magic *key* to your enchanted Castle of Martial greatness. Frederic the Great, or Joseph second with two thirds of their respective forces would have been sufficient to save Louis XVI. from the scaffold, and to fortify him on a well reformed, limited Throne.

Ye have the effrontery to say, — ye dictated the peace of Europe at the *Gates* of Vienna.

But have the modesty at least to remember that your fortunate General and his whole Army, were entirely *surrounded*, by two Austrian armies strongly reinforced, and a Mass of 200000 well armed and spirited inhabitants — that the peasants of Carniola, Carinthia, Tyrol and Venice were all in insurrection against your soldiers, who, with their *invincible* general, must inevitably have found a prison, — if not a grave in Italy — had not Buonoparte *flyly precipitated* the signature of the Preliminaries, which were scorned at by nine tenths of the inhabitants in the Austrian dominions. Of this I was an eye witness. The same symptoms of panic terror, you will recollect manifested by your Soldiers under Louis XV. near Rosbach * made your army, fly in the plains of Champagne at the very sound of a Prussian army, when Dumourier thought it necessary to stigmatize their cowardice by shaving the heads of some hundreds of the fugitives. —

Can you deny amidst your revels of victory and conquest, — that if a few Prussian Regiments had *seriously* attacked your army at that time, not one of your numerous Heroes and Ruling factions would now see their political existence? I repeat it, that the unheard of pusillanimity of the coalesced powers (which will appear wonderfully mysterious in history, because your conquests will be deemed the natural consequence thereof,) has been the hot-bed of your triumphs!

Most men will render you the justice to allow, that never a nation on Earth could have practised *more cunning impositions*, nor have taken so many advantages of them, as the whole mass of your refined Politicians, gained over the coalesced Powers!

* Frederic the great about the middle of this Century with 20000 Prussians entirely defeated at this Place more than 70000 French.

Ye have certainly outwitted them by your new mode of treating, as much as by secret insinuations of treason, among their soldiery; and the effect of both has operated more powerfully, than your cannons and bayonets. Had the coalesced powers adopted your own tactics of *secret* and *open* plundering; to drown and massacre. — Your present *Chimera* of Greatness would not have risen even to a *Cloud* of vapours much less to a *mountain* of terror. — You now amuse and confound the German Powers with numerous protestations of Amity and Protection — Good-will, Moderation, and Generosity, when in spite of solemn Armistice, and national Congress for a final conclusion of a durable peace, ye despise all public faith, all honor, together with the *Laws of nations*, held sacred by every civilized government! Ye forcibly invade those countries, to which you sent three great Ambassadors to treat with, at Rastadt. Ye take by storm or assault every place opposing your daring attempts, sacrificing several hundreds of deluded human beings by the most scandalous murder, and throwing thousands of defenceless peaceful inhabitants into terror and consternation.

It is from the marauding hordes of Arabia that such conduct might be expected; but even the Algerine barbarians respect the rights of nations so much, that they declare war before their savage pirates will seize European vessels on the open seas. How do ye amuse the German powers in sweetening the bitter cup of the dismemberment of their Empire? Ye extoll your generosity in sanctioning the partition of Poland; a country of 12,000 square miles in extent, whereas ye only desire to have for yourselves about six or seven hundred square miles on the left side of the Rhine! But mark the private calculation of the extent of your generosity. The extensive territory of Poland is chiefly uncultivated. Its productions are little more than corn and cattle, with some timber, flax, hemp, wax, honey, which do not pay for half of its consumption, in wine, manufactured goods &c. Its revenues used to be under a million sterling, and its expenses above two and a half! Whereas the revenue of your acquired territory, extending from the confines of Munster to the Mediterranean sea, ye have esti-

mated in all, one hundred millions of livres or $4\frac{1}{2}$ millions sterling, including the former revenue of the numerous Ecclesiastical possessions.

By selling them three or four times over by Auction, as ye have done your own National domains, ye may raise several thousand millions of livres.

The ordinary revenues of the incorporated Belgic Provinces were six millions of florins or twelve millions of livres, — the confiscated Estates of the Clergy were valued by your own commissioners at 12 hundred millions of livres in a fair sale! — Such are the traits of your generosity, to get indemnification for the expenses of a war, which ye have stirred up and begun, with every power, except Prusia, — and which has been paid you double and treble by the many hundred millions ye have received * in good hard cash, by forced contributions raised every where — even from Neutral nations; ** besides many millions in kind, and feeding and clothing your famished, ragged armies, the soldiers of which have been so many leeches to emaciate Europe. Ye moreover want to secure your already too extensive country, by another tributary state of your own creation, out of the ruins of the Brisgau territory, that ye may possess a *double range* of chains, of fortresses, of rivers, of moutains &c. on one side, having the water element to protect you on the other.

All those to whom your great wisdom, moderation and excess of generosity will allow a small portion of territory (not yet subdued, but only to be wrested from their lawful possessors by a sham treaty) will no doubt find they must pay their tribute of gratitude in forces and money, wherever the grand Patroness shall deem it proper to attack and annihilate *one of the Remaining Powers of Europe*. This she may accomplish by her *new art of coquetry*, in distributing plentiful portions of her sincere regard, love, friendship &c. planted on some small part of the poorest land they can allot to the surrounding powers, untill they are all, one after the other swallowed up in the vortex of Revolution, which accompanies the sun in its orbit round the globe. Your inordinate desire of security by

* See the list of contributions at the end.

** Venice genoa, Frankfurth, Hamburg, Bremen, Rome, Leghorn, Switzerland &c.

fortifications, exceed those of the Chinese, with their celebrated walls; yet not like this wise nation to keep within your own territories, but merely to domineer over, and subdue the rest of Europe, to your tribunes of *libertine* equalisation. — Like the *triumvirs* from the strong Capitol in Rome ye tyrannise over your tributary States,

After the numberless acts of perfidy which your different ruling factions have committed within these six years, what security can ye offer to the German Empire, and to Europe at large, that the restless Spirit of your boundless ambition, and of universal dominion, will be confined within your *double* chain of fortifications. Or supposing ye would even rest contented on your present Directorial thrones exercising, as ye do, the full power of despots, under the maske of *liberty - citizens*, can ye assure ye will not be overpowered, transported, or guillotined by a 10th or 12th succeeding faction, within six months after a general peace? Can ye insure your own dictatorship against the same violent and tyrannical measures, which ye yourselves so illegally employed against your predecessors, and masters? When among the savages of Guiana, can ye answer for the conduct of those factions, usurping the same power, ye now exercise? — that it will be less turbulent, less arrogant and less despotic than your own? Dare ye affirm that they will be better — (worse they cannot be) than yourselves? Ye want to distance the Russian Emperor in his influence in Germany, least he should have the same designs on one part of that Empire, which you have put in execution already in another part — and thereby frustrate those which you are now planning for future conquest. The spirit of perfidy and treachery that manifests itself in all your proclamations and actions — the same diabolical spirit that held forth a brilliant Crown and Sceptre to a debauched Orleans, for the vile sacrifice of his immense treasures, in hopes of having a crown, rendered him a traitor towards his King, his near Relation, and brought him at last to an ignominious dungeon and justly merited scaffold, with thousands of other weak men the victims, and instruments of your infamous atrocities.

This same diabolical spirit impesting the air of your once delightful country, which betrayed your lawful Sovereign — his whole Family and millions of

your best, most respectable countrymen; I say will this spirit be less treacherous, less savage, towards foreign powers, the Royal families, and their numerous friends, whenever ye find an opportunity to throw off the mask of friendship? Or what do ye mean by your annual consecration of Hatred,— by solemn oaths against royalty and anarchy? Has it not for object the destruction of these same beings whom since 1791 * ye call *Crowned robbers* of Europe. Have the Sovereigns of Europe forgotten your formal decrees of reward and salary for the murderers, who could bring their Royal heads to your Pantheon? Do ye not acknowledge the following graduated list of prices.

For the head of the

Emperor	—	—	—	—	400,000
King of Prussia	—	—	—	—	400,000
Duke of Brunswick	—	—	—	—	400,000
Stanislas Xavier Monsieur	—	—	—	—	300,000
Charles Philippe d'Artois	—	—	—	—	300,000
Louis Joseph Condé	—	—	—	—	200,000
Louis Henry Joseph Bourbon	—	—	—	—	200,000
Bouille l'infame	—	—	—	—	200,000
Lambesc	—	—	—	—	100,000
Broglio	—	—	—	—	100,000
Mirabeau Tonnère	—	—	—	—	100,000
Calonne **	—	—	—	—	100,000

The reign of Robespierre that abominable system of plunder, robbery and terror re-appeared with redoubled vengeance; for, instead of a public Guillotine. — Massacres and Robberies are openly committed and organized all over France under your Authority. — Instead of being drowned, or suffering on the scaffold, men

* Have ye not moreover had the baseness to offer a considerable reward for the head of Dumourier, even prior to the epoch which you term that of terror.

** In Decr 1794 fifteen Departements opened a subscription of 3 millions to assassinate these said Personages see list of crimes Part 2nd.

are openly shot, secretly murdered; or as a gracious mark of your humanity, they are banished from their country to associate with savages in some remote parts of the world — a Punishment which in England, and other parts of Europe are inflicted only on the greatest Criminals. Robespierres satellites plundered, ravished, and massacred for whole days and weeks successively! — What multitudes under the Eyes of one hundred thousand of well armed Military and National Guards, fell in the streets of Paris, in the midst of eight hundred thousands of inhabitants chiefly well disposed, but passive people. Say ye that dejected by terror, ye dared not *refuse* — much less *act*. Here I affirm that Robespierre, Collot, Carrier, le Bon, Fouquier de Tinville and others of the like stamp, have been *your* Champions! — that ye are their accomplices. — That it was at Paris where the axe of the Guillotine was put in motion; — it was there, — ye meditated the destruction of Europe; — the blood that has been shed lies to your charge — their crimes are *your own*.

Always Proteus, always Comeleons, ye adopt for a moment the mask of honor to unite with men of respectability of France; they spurned with indignation at your advances — ye then became Jacobins again with redoubled rage, — and every species of crime was committed.

They have declared — they acted by *your* order; and ye have not proved the contrary it is true ye put them to death, that ye might with their blood wash yourselves from their crimes and prevent suspicion; but to murder is *no answer* — no justification.

After all this has come to pass, can ye still think to impose upon the world? Who will believe that the evidence of seven or eight vile men, could *direct* and cause to be executed during several years, the most shocking massacres, — that they could *organize* a system so abominable, — establish in the principal towns *Slaughter-houses*, for human beings, their fellow Citizens, whose blood ran in torrents, — had they not been secretly abetted and encouraged?

At this period, ye were the *Colleagues* of Robespierre. — Ye were members of that execrable Committee — known by the name of — *Public safety*.

Is it not notorious, that ye have screened *Barrere* — who was one of yourselves, from a justly merited punishment? And in order to impose upon the public, ye caused

him to be elected in one of the departments, that ye might shew your impartiality in expelling him from the Council? Why not raise from the tomb all your former associates in iniquity — all those National assassins who obeyed your signals? But what do I say, — there is no need, since their *spirit* still accompanies and attends your councils in full vigour — and with a flaming activity.

Helas! it is but too true, that the long chain of their crimes, was the work of your own hands! — the offspring of your own hearts! Had ye not been callous to every sentiment of humanity, could ye in August and September 1792 have ordered so many thousands of innocent Beings, of all ages, and descriptions, to be inhumanly massacred in the Prisons, where your own Satellites were sentinels at the doors? History does not furnish an example so truly shocking! These atrocities succeeded each other so rapidly and continued so many days successively — that they could not be the effect of sedition, or of sudden insurrection.

No, they were perpetrated with a cool deliberate *reflection*, under *your own eyes* — in the good city of Paris! — in the presence of 60 thousand men armed for the Public safety. — Did ye not at the same time appoint Cut-throats in every part of France to perform the same tragic scenes as in Paris?

Were ye not deaf to the cries of human sufferings, when ye ordered 57 persons of the first respectability, Ministers of State, Generals &c. to be butchered at Versailles and St. Firmin, under escort to Orleans; — were you rendered *insensible* by terror? No, for all these atrocities were solemnly sanctioned by a decree in May 1793. nine months afterwards.

Hence the system of terror became legal. — Ye were no doubt too much interested not to decide upon this measure; — ye wished to throw a veil over your own infamy — to hide from the world that the Convention was an *illegal usurpation* of National Authority. — Ye were desirous the Public might not know, that ye were the *Butchers* instead of the *Judges* of your legitimate Sovereign; or that the Primary Assemblies were formed at the Point of the Bayonet — at the exclusion of a great number of legal electors. — All these facts are too notorious for ye to escape the justly merited contempt of your Contemporaries — the execration of Posterity —

much less the *Punishment of Eternity*. — Can ye deny that these horrid events, have not happend in your *benevolent reigns*? — and what atrocities have ye not committed, since your last usurpation in September 1797 — when ye seized the best and most respectable of your Colleagues, and half of your legislative Councils your masters, whom ye most ignominiously imprisoned, and transported without judge, jury, accusation, or process whatever. Every species of crime in the book of the great Belzebub himself, has been abetted and organized by your sacred authority — yes by *your authority*. If it be not so, where are your numerous, wel armed forces, — and what is become of the best regulated police in the world?

In fine was there ever a Nation, a Government which treated Ambassadors with such over bearing arrogance. — That ever held such haughty scurrilous language to foreign neutrals, Powers — or to their own friends and allies, as ye and your usurping factions? The ministers of Sweden, Italy, Spain, Portugal and England; have they not been all ignominiously insulted, imprisoned, or driven out of your country, when they offered you the Olive-branch of Peace and Friendship? By the laws of all civilised nations; were not those powers insulted in the persons of their Representatives?

I wish O ye Sovereigns and rulers of the Earth to know, that, we Quaker folks, are neither what are called Aristocrates nor Democrats, but perfectly Neutral beings in regard to the Politics of nations, which do not concern us any more than as the happiness of your fellow creatures is interested!

We never speak but the words of truth, so we never need to vow, swear or protest any thing. Our opinion of *Good Kings*, and *Princes &c.* is the same as we entertain of all good Governors and Stewards on Earth. We have no particular choice or preference of any Worldly Government, but we certainly do prefer a *good to a bad one*; no matter by what name or title it may be known. We are a plain, sober, quiet, Religious sect, — at peace with the whole world, and have no fear of no man, nor of Kings. Though we do not doubt, that some People may live as happy *without men* called Emperors and Kings, as others do *with them* — Yet we mortally fear and detest Anarchy, Confusion, Persecution and Blood-shed which must inevitably ensue — should a total overthrow of all ye Sovereigns

take place. — This is a short, plain and true confession of our political Creed, which ye worldly Governors are heartily welcome to, — with our well meant warning for your political Existence. — Should your indifference and incredulity not be affected by this appeal, pray call to your mind, the execution which the French have permitted, — on your Persons in effigy. Did they not burn them? The Crime is in the will. Can you longer doubt the principles of the disciples of *Marat et Robespierre*, when your heads are set a price upon?

Inhabitants of the Earth!

If you wish to form a just idea of French Legislation, examine some of their laws!

I. A decree of perpetual Exile passed on the 23. Oct. 1792 against the Emigrants with pain of death, if they should return. — At this very period, the *Crime of Emigration* as these legislators termed it, was already committed by far the greater number, — and their fate punishment was determined upon. Those great Solons and modern Lawgivers, decreed the *pain of death*, for what they chose to constitute crimes committed long before, — and gave a terrible retroactive effect, to this sanguinary decree, unknown — unheard of in the annals of the most barbarous Nations — *Post factum Lex!* — They not only established this infamous law, but they really executed it; and to its tribunals are daily dragged numbers of those innocent, fugitive victims. — Was there ever tyrant who dared — can there exist one, who in the presence of the whole world — in the presence of the supreme, the Omnipotent Being, dare to inflict the pain of death, on man, for an act, never forbidden previous to its being committed?

Such men at the head of a great nation, are they not even more ferocious, than the savage *Wolf* in devouring the Lamb for the pretended crimes of its ancestors? — The wolf and the Lamb were distinct species of animals — no relation of consanguinity united them.

2. To the Constitutional act of 1791 did not all France subscribe with solemn oath — and was not their beloved King thereby declared *inviolable*?

This same king — this same Louis, nevertheless lost his head as a criminal on an ignominious Scaffold! — One of his Judges, — mark it Posterity! — One only out of 721 Judges, had the courage to adhere to this solemn, sacred oath, and claim that *solemn Inviolability* of the Constitution for his lawful Sovereign!!! —

3. Under the former Government of France, the Criminal law required a plurality of seven to *five* voices, for the Punishment of a felon or murderer; — and the law of the Revolution anterior to the establishment of Juries, required still more (viz) four fifths of votes, and the unanimous concurrence of ten Judges, to constitute a capital crime. — This law was enjoyed by the most notorious robbers and assassins; — but the Chief of the French nation — one of the grandest, most august Monarchs on Earth, whose ancestors had swayed the Royal Sceptre of France and balanced the fate of Europe for more than eight hundred years, — was suddenly dragged from a splendid throne, to fall under the hands of a vile executioner, — on the simple Majority of *five* — in *seven hundred and twenty one* voices — to decide on his pretended Crimes.

Did these Legislators need any thing more to vilify their injustice in this judgment, than the voice of a Monster to humanity — *Orleans* — First Cousin to the murdered Monarch — probably — the last of the Bourbon Race?

Have not they declared, that the incendiaries and Public robbers, were misled by wicked, designing persons, and therefore innocent of the crime? The savage — the *Hottentot* respects his neighbours hut — but the French nation near the close of the eighteenth century, enlightened by philosophy, morality and christianity, so far degrades itself as to *enact* by law, that to burn, rob, and plunder, is no *crime*. Read the discussions of the sanguinary party and ye will see the same tribunal — le Chatelet still tainted with the blood of the unfortunate Favras, has sanctioned those crimes! — the murder of the kings guards around his throne. Call to mind the decrees, occasioned by these melancholic events.

The laws which Moses received in fire from Heaven on Mount Sinai, had for object the happiness of mankind; and as such, they have served for basis of Legislation to all civilized people. Those of France were certainly not by divine inspiration which in the midst of storms, tempests and thunder encouraged blood-shed, — destruction of all order and social happiness, — which excited enmity between those who have *something*, and those who have *nothing* — between those who command and those who should obey. Such laws are the natural consequence of revolutionary vortex, and such as one might expect to issue from a common slaughter-house. We need not indeed be astonished; for in these seminaries of human wisdom and science have been formed, and are still forming, a number of these modern French *Solons*: and when we consider, that in this same sovereign sanctuary of the Nation; the tribune of free debate has been besieged and often carried by fistcuff blows, — in which bloody affair the most celebrated orators were the assailants. Is it then to be wondered, that these valiant men should wish to frame laws to their own liking, and establish their authority by all possible means? What dignity of sentiment and cool deliberation did we observe in the conduct of the Rebelious English *Sailors*, compared with the French Legislators.

O People of France! how I pity ye under the government of such a Volcanous Mountain, — the lava of which unceasingly threatens you with destruction!

Ye Proprietors and Enemies of Crimes!

Ye, who have the primitive right to the fruits of the Earth! ye,— who have property, and who do not consider *virtue* as a word with out meaning, can ye be ignorant of your duty to your maker, and remain insensible, indifferent to the storm which has been gathering so long over your heads? Do ye not tremble at the idea of these furions revolutionists, who not only destroy the palaces of the great but who direct their blows *against all*, who respect the property of their neighbour; — against those who believe that all mankind are accountable for their

actions to the Allwise, Omnipotent being. Are ye not shocked at the horrid idea of the sufferings of the Proprietors of France — at the confiscation of their Estates? — that those who still do possess some property are only *nominal* proprietors, — since present the governors may wrest their Lands from them at pleasure? The wants of the state devour all and are daily multiplied.

Were these men really what they pretend to be, — the partizans of equality, would they in their sittings, in their Public feasts, display a Luxury so unbecoming, — which surpasses that of all the Courts in the Universe? Is not simplicity the Child of equality?

We may truly say the Luxury of a few men, is the cause of the misfortune of 30 Millions. — Such was the language of — a late French Philosopher, one of the precursors of the Golden age which the illuminates promise us. O ye who are fathers, who enjoy the blessings of social happiness in the tender affection of a spouse, always ready to sacrifice herself for you; can ye support the thought, that a revolution may tear away from your arms, all objects of your tenderness and solicitude, dear to yon, and throw them in dungeons, the keepers of which, are neither more modest, nor more humane than their masters? — Your wives, your daughters, may become the Prey to a debauched soldiery. Can ye flatter yourselves, that republican marriages will not be consummated in your families, — and that those, whose virtue promises your own felicity and that of your posterity, will not one day be stript naked, massacred, or drowned amidst the acclamation of Joy of a dissolute populace?

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